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3rd Annual

City Hall Open House:

The City of Hampton is rolling out the red carpet for citizens Thursday, October 10th, 5 - 7pm. The two-hour event will feature an array of city vehicles, demonstrations, exhibits, giveaways and door prizes. For more information, call 3-1-1 (or 727-8311).

THE POWER OF ONE NEIGHBORHOOD'S DREAM



The Y. H. Thomas Community Center Story

By Will Moffett

The Y. H. Thomas Community Center has received national, state and local attention and serves as a premier model for community empowerment and revitalization.

Yet, the rise to excellence was not a sudden flight, but a process of commitment and hard work over an extended period of years by hundreds of faithful and dedicated volunteers backed with the support of Hampton City staff.

How did this all begin? And how did Y. H. Thomas Community Center

come to be? In order to tell our story we must look to the past. Y. H. Thomas Junior High School was named after Yarborough Henry Thomas who lived in the early part of the 20th century and died in the 1940's. Mr. Thomas was the former principal of the Union Street School and he was also a youth advocate, Boy Scout troop leader and a coach.

Y. H. Thomas Junior High School opened its doors in 1953, and was the only junior high school in the City of Hampton built for African American students. The school was a great

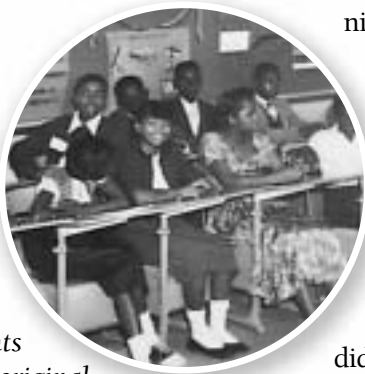
source of community pride and produced many success stories to include two state legislators, three judges, one sheriff, one City Council member and numerous educators and business leaders. After the school was closed in 1968, the neighborhood began to experience a slow downward spiral due to crime, drugs, and juvenile delinquency.



Y. H. Thomas Junior High School Choir

Families were being affected and so was the community. We needed a way to get the youth off the streets. At the same time, the school was vacant, deteriorating and had fallen into disrepair. The community did not want to see this

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*Students
in the original
Junior High School*

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A new way to look at housing in neighborhoods



**19th Annual
"Deen's" Day
Fair and Parade:**
Saturday, September 28
10am-6pm
Aberdeen Gardens

A day of activities will start with the Deen's Day Parade at 10am, (Lindsay Middle School to Aberdeen Elementary) The Dedication of the Historic Aberdeen Gardens Museum will be at 3pm, 57 Mary Peake Blvd. Many activities for children and adults, food and memorabilia.

This fall, two District 8 neighborhoods (Olde Hampton and Pasture Point) will be putting the finishing touches on their housing revitalization plans. These plans will be a model for a different approach to housing revitalization in Hampton.

We call this new way of looking at housing in neighborhoods, the **Hampton Housing Venture**. Olde Hampton and Pasture Point are the first two neighborhoods selected by the Neighborhood Commission (and approved by City Council) as pilot areas for the program.

So, what's new?

First, housing investments will be both strengthened and more focused (geographically). Current programs address issues associated with the affordability or condition of housing city-wide; the new housing venture will look at significantly changing the quality of the housing stock in a few selected neighborhoods. New investments may include:

- Rehabilitation incentives (low interest loans, tax abatements and technical assistance) for homeowners at any income level and for investors to rehabilitate units to levels above minimum code or convert rental units to homeownership.
- Incentives for new construction that meet neighborhood design standards.
- Homeownership incentives such as down payment assistance for purchase of units in the housing venture areas.

Second, the venture will focus directly on the real estate market in the selected neighborhoods with the specific outcomes of diversifying the income mix and increasing homeownership. (Neighborhoods selected for the venture will be those with no investment or the wrong type of investment in their housing stock.) Housing market analyses were done for the two pilot areas to determine a target market for new residents and strategies to attract new homebuyers to the neighborhoods or to get current owners to invest in fixing up their property.

And, what's next?

The highest priority programs and incentives for the pilot areas will be available and implemented starting in early 2003. The impact of the programs and incentives and changes to the pilot neighborhoods will be evaluated at the end of the year with recommendations on how to move forward.

Many neighborhoods in Hampton could benefit from this type of attention to their housing stock. The Neighborhood Commission plans to use the lessons learned from the two pilot areas to guide the expansion of new incentives into additional neighborhoods within the next two years.

Joan Kennedy
Director

HAMPTON YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!!

James & Ann McKinney ■ Rigsby Court

Dena Scoggins ■ Valirey Drive

Billy & Denise Stewart ■ Sharpley Avenue

Edwin Gardner ■ Devore Avenue

Helen Main ■ Chesapeake Avenue

Belva Wineman ■ Old Bethel Road



Anyone can nominate a yard by calling the Clean City Commission at 727-6394 or by going to <http://hampton.gov/hccc/yards> and filling out a nomination form.

There are many diverse neighborhoods that weave together to create District 8, the beating heart of the City of Hampton. This most central part of Hampton is long-standing and boasts a rich history with many of its Victorian houses being among the oldest in the city. District 8 holds many important facilities within its boundaries that reach from Mercury Boulevard to the North, North Back River Road to the South, and North King Street and LaSalle to the East and West respectively.

DISTRICT ASSETS:

- Newtown Learning Center
- Little England Chapel
- Nationally recognized landmarks including several hundred-year old churches and cemeteries.
- Y.H. Thomas & Olde Hampton Community Centers
- Hampton YMCA
- Hampton Central Library
- Darling Stadium
- City Hall
- The new Ruppert Leon Sargent Memorial Administration Building
- Waterfront
- Historic Downtown Business Improvement District

The Downtown area remains popular showing steady growth over the past two decades in spite of decline in surrounding areas. Many people are attracted to the unique shops in the downtown area which are complemented by the strength of neighboring Hampton University. History and education give this area its charm making District 8 one of the places we proudly call home.

INSIDE District



REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOODS:

Newtown Improvement and Civic Club, Inc.
Old North Hampton Community Organization
Olde Hampton Community Association
Sussex at Hampton

NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDED PROJECTS

Matching Grants
8 grants totaling
\$23,010

Neighborhood Month Grants
9 projects totaling
\$4,857

Neighborhood Improvement Fund Grants
8 grants totaling
\$498,282



District 8



COMMISSIONER: Anderson W Clary, Jr.

TERM: 7/1/00 – 6/30/04

ADDRESS: 190 West Queens Way • Hampton, VA 23669

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CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Queen Street Beacon at the Crossroads, Unity Commission, Hampton Vicinity Ministers Alliance, Peninsula Baptist Pastor's Council, Tidewater Minister's Alliance

PROFESSION: Pastor, Queen Street Baptist Church

GOAL AS COMMISSIONER: "My desire is to help enable people to work together to move beyond a survival or subsistence level of life and into responsible independent living."



FACILITATOR: Charles Felder

Neighborhood Office • 727-6460

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Check out www.downtownhampton.com
to find out what is happening in Downtown.



LEADERSHIP CORNER:**Keeping People Happy
& Still Having Something to Show for It** *By Graham Currin***HAMPTON
E-NEWS:**

An easy way to stay in touch with how your city tax dollars are at work in your community. Go to www.hampton.gov to sign up for your free subscription.

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SUBMISSIONS:

If you would like to get the word out about important neighborhood programs let us know! Please send pertinent neighborhood information to tflynn@hampton.gov.

“Task Force,” “Work Group,” and “Executive Team” are just a few terms that we hear nowadays as they have filtered down from the big business world into our churches, civic groups, and PTAs. This is because in today’s world there are more hoops to jump through in order to make even the smallest changes in our communities.

While the business of America is capitalism, the business of our communities has always been people. As our organizations become more rigid and professional, we must not forget that phrases like “work group” are made up of two parts: tasks and people.

The most valuable part of an organization and perhaps its hardest asset to measure is the people. So for a leader, knowing how to manage the kinds of skills and potential their members possess is paramount. Some group maintenance aspects important to leaders are task and relationship concerns and situational leadership.

As mentioned before, anytime a group is formed a dichotomy exists between concerns with tasks and relationships. Many times leaders feel they are empowered first to get the job done and focus all their energies on that objective alone. However, it is vital to balance tasks and relationships so that one will get a great product while creating an amicable atmosphere that will repeat success.

One example of how this balance works was documented by Mark Moberg concerning fruit farmers in the Central American country of Belize. The owners of orchards in Belize rely on the seasonal help of certain workers at harvest time. Throughout the off-season these farmers must maintain good relationships with their core group of workers, finding some work for them in the off-season and making an effort to keep in touch. This core group of workers in turn finds other responsible part-time workers

to help bring in the harvest. During the harvest, the owner and the workers work side by side in a comfortable and very social manner.

Conversely, when commercial businesses try to move in and harvest crops they have great difficulty finding reliable workers in Belize. One season they may find some good laborers, but often these businesses will underestimate the importance of culture and approach work in a rigid, big business-like way. This may work for a season, but ignoring this relational dynamic will drive the workers away.

One can imagine the task-relationship dynamic on a continuum. On the one hand, if a leader is solely focused on tasks then workers are ignored, and will

become alienated. It’s true that unilateral decisions are easier

and may even work to “whip” a group into shape in the short-run, but in the long run group members want to be heard. The leader would be foolish to deny him or herself of such valuable input. “If a leader can listen attentively without rushing to judgment, he will often get a fresh perspective that will help him think independently,” says Steven Sample, President of the University of Southern California and renowned leadership scholar.

Conversely, there is the possibility of becoming too focused on relational aspects in organizations. If a team exists, but produces nothing then it is only a social club. Even worse is the possibility of a leader failing to guide relational aspects so that the politics of decision-making breaks down leading to infighting and factions.

Now that the difference between task and relational concerns has been defined and both have been found to be effective and necessary, how do we know when to focus on a particular



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NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE MOVE:

Old North Hampton

A Praiseworthy Past & A Fantastic Future

By Sydney Mason

You may have heard a lot about the Old North Hampton neighborhood over the years and even more recently because it was named the 2001 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference's Neighborhood of the Year. Old North Hampton is a neighborhood of hundreds of dedicated citizens working to make their neighborhood a place they are proud to call home. Their mission is to use community commitment, resources,

talents and skills to address the needs of the community.

The Old North Hampton Community Organization (ONHCO) was formed in 1981



State "Neighborhood of the Year" Award Ceremony

and has partnered with the Y.H. Thomas Community Center, Y.H. Thomas Athletic Association and the Y.H. Thomas Alumni Association to provide community services to their residents. Members are not charged a monthly fee for membership, but monthly donations are received.

As a neighborhood organization, their accomplishments have included the funding and construction of a bus shelter for school children; the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on some streets; sponsoring and participating in civic projects such as clean up campaigns and blood drives; and of course the opening of the Y.H. Thomas Park and Community Center.

Communication is a key element to the success of this neighborhood organization. The ONHCO communicates with fellow residents through their newsletter. It keeps residents informed of upcoming events, and passes on current information provided by national, state and local organizations. In their ongoing efforts to improve their neighborhood, they have arranged quarterly dialogue meetings with various city departments to



BEFORE



AFTER



offer their input, updates and concerns. Old North Hampton's Crime Watch Program not only strives to maintain a safe neighborhood, but also unites neighbors by sponsoring social events. They have sponsored workshops with guest speakers featuring local organizations, businesses and public service organizations to provide residents with information on the latest developments in safety and protection for their homes.

The Old North Hampton Neighborhood Organization is a Registered Neighborhood Organization through Hampton's Neighborhood Commission. Registration signifies that Old North Hampton subscribes to the principles of the Hampton Neighborhood Initiative. They receive benefits as well, including a recent

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A team gathers at the Old North Hampton sign for a landscaping project.



Call 727-6460
for more information
on how
your neighborhood
can become
registered.



ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD – What's the big deal?

By Tammy Flynn

Recently, you may have heard some of the following questions posed: What does it mean to be an All-America City? Why is the award so prestigious? Why is it such a big deal? How is it that Hampton rates as an All-America City? Some citizens, especially those 30 or so delegates who went to Kansas City to present Hampton's story, know the answers to all of these questions, but for the average Hampton citizen the answers may not come so easily.

What does it mean to be an All-America City?



It means we have an active and engaged community, and a city government that encourages citizen involvement. It means that we have teenagers, children, seniors, business people, families, and others investing in Hampton, demonstrating that they care enough to dedicate hours of their time working to make their city the best it can be. Our citizens are not willing to accept things as they are, but work hard for change and constantly explore new resources to make change happen.

Why is the All-America City Award so prestigious?



The All-America City award is NOT given to cities that are the most beautiful, have the most jobs, the lowest unemployment rate, the highest SOL scores, the lowest crime rates, or the strongest economies. The All-America City Award recognizes unbridled community spirit and is a mark of honor and respect. It focuses on the energy and enthusiasm unleashed in citizens who strive to make their cities better places to live, work and play. The honor is not just in the winning, but in the progress that these cities are making as they discover new, innovative ways to improve their quality of life.

Why is it such a big deal?

The average Hampton citizen may not realize it, but we live in a city that is very unique. Although our challenges are not unique, the spirit in which our citizens face these challenges is. It is not every city in America that sees civic associa-

tions, non-profits, businesses, and individual volunteers continually stepping forward to partner with their city to solve community problems. It is not every American city that can give numerous examples of extraordinary partnerships created out of a strong desire to see their dreams become a reality in spite of limited resources. And it is not every city government that actually supports and encourages these partnerships.

How is it that Hampton rates as an All-America City?

■ Because the Old North Hampton neighborhood was able to not only stop its downward spiral but to realize the dream of

having a community center that provides the essential services they needed for their youth.

- Because Aberdeen Gardens, an historic neighborhood, came together to preserve their history and their way of life for future generations to see.
- Because we create citizen academies to teach residents how to access resources.
- Because we engage youth in the planning and the implementation of city services.
- Because police officers work side by side with youth in programs such as Y-COPE which each year have impacted over 500 youth, 60 parents, and 30 officers resulting in a tremendous reduction of crime.
- Because 25 local restaurants offer free meals at parenting classes to make it easier for parents to attend and as a result increased class retention from 40 to 80%.

It's not just one of these examples that makes Hampton an All-America City, but the collection of them and the many more that are too numerous to list. It is because an environment has been created that enables remarkable change to occur when citizens with vision and passion partner with a willing city government for the common good of their community. That is what sets Hampton apart making our city an All-America City and a place we proudly call home.



"An institution, phenomenal, a man of wisdom, our greatest asset, everything to everybody, a role model, no greater volunteer in the world," are all

ways in which Ernie Ferguson has been described. There are dozens of volunteers who donate hundreds of hours each month at the Y.H. Thomas Community Center, Ernie Ferguson being one of them. Ernie has touched the lives of countless youth and adults throughout our community.

It all began six years ago when Ernie learned his neighborhood was working on opening Y.H. Thomas School as a community center. He decided to visit the center to see what he could do to help. When he arrived at the center, Will Moffett, the center's Executive Director, explained they were in need of weekend volunteers. Ernie's response, "great, anything you want me to do, I am here to do it." From that day forward, Mr. Ferguson has been there helping in any way he can.

Mr. Ferguson has boundless energy and an easy smile even when he recounts how he was bound to a wheelchair for 10 years. Ernie was told by his doctors he would never walk again. He promised himself that if he were ever able to get out of his wheelchair, he would never

stop. He eventually recovered and kept his promise, even when he was struck by a car a few years ago when riding his bike to the center. Center volunteers recall how they would have to send him home when he'd show up, while still recuperating, to volunteer. He eventually recovered from the accident and still rides his bike to and from the center each day.

"This man averages over 40 hours a week coaching football and basketball, keeping the facility clean, and assisting with the Kids Café. Ernie is one of our greatest assets because he is always there to create a warm and nurturing environment for both the young people and adults who come to the facility," said Will Moffett. In addition to volunteering at the center, Ernie found time to become a certified basketball, football and track coach. He also single-handedly found hundreds of books for the center's library. Ernie was also instrumental in gathering tutoring supplies for the Kids Café program. Mr. Ferguson feels strongly about children knowing how to read stating, "When you know how to read, you can go lots of places in the world without ever leaving home." He adds, "When you become engrossed in a book, it helps you imagine things you never could before."

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EARNEST
"Ernie"
Ferguson

Volunteer,
Y.H. Thomas
Community Center

Neighborhoods STAR



By Tammy Flynn

Neighborhood College:

REGISTER NOW! We are now accepting applications for the Winter Session. We are also offering neighborhood organizations an opportunity to sponsor sessions in their neighborhood. Call 727-6460 for more details.

Old North
Hampton Youth



Newtown Learning
Center

PARTNERSHIPS = Neighborhood Success

By Maria Perkins

Hampton's District 8 is full of wonder and wonderful people. There are folks who take great pride in their neighborhoods, families and children, and all the other ingredients that blend into their richly woven fabric of life. The partnership of two particular neighborhoods, Old North Hampton and Newtown, help to strengthen and enrich the fabric of District 8. These two communities are home to the Y.H. Thomas Community Center and the Newtown Learning Center.

In their efforts to strengthen and support youth, families, and their neighborhoods, they actively partner and resource each other, much as friends would do. Indeed two of their civic leaders are just that—friends for life. Will Moffett of the Y.H. Thomas Community Center and Mary Johnson of the Newtown Learning Center, have mutual admiration, respect and love for each other. This is reflected in their willingness to collaborate and heightens their commitment to Hampton's Neighborhood Initiative.

Now enter Hampton's Alternative Inc, a nationally

recognized youth development agency in partnership with the Neighborhood Initiative. We specialize in developing and implementing diverse strategies that enable young people to contribute to the quality of life in their community. Though Alternative works with several neighborhoods, my efforts have focused on the Newtown and Y.H. Thomas centers. Professionally, it has been a successful and rewarding partnership because each of our missions coincide—strengthening families, children and neighborhoods. Personally, Will Moffett and Mary Johnson have become my mentors and my friends, and my life is enriched because of it.

Alternatives has facilitated and coordinated joint activities between youth and adults in both neighborhoods. Within the youth development process, it is important that young people be trained and recognized as stakeholders. The adults in both Newtown and Old North Hampton communities steadfastly value youth as participants in addressing social concerns which impact the quality of life in District 8.

By continuing to influence opportunities and build effective youth and adult partnerships, Alternatives is showing that healthy neighborhoods are more than just words for us. Likewise, Old North Hampton and Newtown's enduring efforts continue to create neighborhoods with places that their residents proudly call home. And that's more than just words.

LEADERSHIP CORNER *(continued from page 5)*

one? "Effective leaders need to be able to adapt their chosen style to fit the requirements of the situation," says Paul Hersey and Kenneth Blanchard, Leadership and Administration Professors at Cornell University.

This notion of Situational Leadership requires leaders to stop and take the position of their followers. They must realize that in the beginning, new members are going to want clear directions to perform the tasks at hand. As group members gain confidence, they will

want to feel included and their opinions and ideas valued in a relational way.

A leader is only as strong as his or her followers, and thus leaders must carefully maintain a healthy work atmosphere while moving towards the goal. In the end, the leader must have, as Reinhold Niebuhr said, "grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

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Leroy Crosby, Chairman of the Athletic Association, says "Mr. Ferguson is a dedicated individual who has served the center well. He has sacrificed himself and his time to not only maintain the facility but also to work with our youth. He gives his all." According to Sheila Williams, President of the Y.H. Thomas Alumni Association, "Ernie is Y.H. Thomas. He is at the center everyday, sun up to sun down, and is everything to everyone." In June, Mr. Ferguson was one of the citizen delegates chosen to represent the Y.H. Thomas Community Center for the All-America City competition in Kansas City, Missouri. He proudly told the judges, as part of the City's presentation, "I'm 67 years old and I volunteer at Y.H. Thomas Community Center 40 hours a week."

Mr. Ferguson feels grateful to be part of the Y.H. Thomas volunteer family saying "I love being here. They think I am helping them but what they don't know is that they are really helping me." He is also proud of his neighborhood saying, "It is not every day you see a

community come together to work on behalf of their youth in the way Old North Hampton has." Reflecting on his years at Y.H. Thomas he says, "You start with one child and you see it passed along. I have seen so much positive change, it is a wonderful thing."

Mr. Albert E. Simpson, Old North Hampton Community Organization President, says of Mr. Ferguson, "I could go on and on. Ernie's heart is really in it. His impact on Y.H. Thomas and consequently on the neighborhood has been phenomenal."

So, Mr. Ernie Ferguson, we salute you and your spirit and pronounce you a "Neighborhood Star," for you embody all of what makes Hampton an All-America City. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for all your efforts in helping to make your neighborhood a place we are proud to call home!

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Please tell us about your "Neighborhood Stars" by e-mailing, calling or writing Tammy Flynn c/o the Neighborhood Office.

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appearance on "The Neighborhood Show," featured on the City's Cable Channel 47.

The organization is currently working to implement a youth incentive program to

recognize academic excellence. Neighborhood youth will be rewarded for excellence in school attendance, community involvement and grades. This will be done at the end of each grading period and at an annual awards banquet. Students will also receive incentives donated by local businesses.

The Old North Hampton Community Organization's future goals include the implementation of a plan to decrease crime, to increase participation in civic and political affairs and to build

community pride. They anticipate even greater things for their neighborhood and plan to be diligent in maintaining what they have achieved.



Hampton is the first city in Virginia to build a centralized customer call center for citizens. Customer advocates answer questions about city services and take requests for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just dial 3-1-1 or 727-8311.

Y. H. Thomas Community Center *(continued from page 1)*

historically significant building torn down and with it the legacy created by Yarborough Henry Thomas destroyed.

The concept to restore a portion of the historic junior high school began in late 1992 when several neighborhood organizations formed a coalition and approached Hampton City Council with a proposal to renovate the old school and turn it into a community center. Hampton City Council unanimously agreed to renovate the community center if the

community would provide the staffing. With the partnership established, the Y. H. Thomas Junior High School reopened its doors in April 1996.

Today, the Y. H. Thomas Community Center is the home of the

Y. H. Thomas Athletic Association, which has also received national recognition for its cheerleading program and youth sports. The community center is located in the Old North Hampton community and is considered the home of the Old North Hampton Community Organization which received the "Neighborhood of the Year" award at the 2001 Virginia State Neighborhood Conference.

The center has also distinguished itself with a nationwide Y. H. Thomas Junior High School Alumni Association that gives back to the community through scholarships and volunteer efforts such as the Kids Café. The Café is an after-school program which provides tutoring, homework assistance, and a hot meal to area youth. Over the last two years, the Alumni Association has raised over \$55,000 for academic scholarships.

And the community continues to step forward. Over forty different organizations assist with the center's programs. Volunteers at the center donate more than 650 hours per month to keep the center operational. We've

seen 18,000 hours of mentoring and tutoring by teachers, college students and others.

All of these partnerships serve as an extraordinary example of what can happen when citizens organize for the common good of their community. I believe any neighborhood in Hampton can achieve the same success. Below are what I believe to be the key ingredients to our success:

SHARED VISION – by the community and its partners, and the willingness to apply the time and resources to make the dream a reality.

PARTNERSHIPS – Y. H. Thomas Community Center established over 40 different partnerships with the City of Hampton, non-profits, volunteer groups, and businesses.

COMMITMENT – to never give up, the community supported and provided volunteer time to the center over a span of years and continues to look for innovative ways to expand and improve service

EMBRACE HISTORY – Y. H. Thomas Community Center serves as a link to the past with an eye toward the future as grandchildren and great-grandchildren of former students continue the tradition of excellence at the Y. H. Thomas Community Center.

In conclusion, Y. H. Thomas Community Center and the surrounding Old North Hampton neighborhood is just one example of why Hampton is a great city. Hamptonians should be encouraged and inspired by the great work that has occurred across Hampton especially within our neighborhoods, such as Aberdeen

Gardens Historic and Civic Association (winner of the Neighborhoods USA [NUSA] National Neighborhood of the Year award). The dedication and hard work of all of Hampton's neighborhoods and civic associations, non-profit organizations, businesses and the City of Hampton are truly inspirational. Hampton is an All-America City because of its people and the power of their dreams.



Kid's Café:

Y. H. Thomas Community Center After School Tutoring & Homework Enrichment Program. Monday – Thursday beginning on September 12, 2002 at 4pm. Pick up your information packets from the Y. H. Thomas Community Center at 1300 Thomas Street or call 727-1200 for more information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September & October

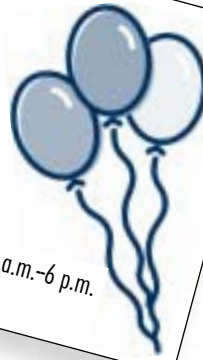
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**Virginia Statewide
Neighborhood Conference**
Charlottesville, Virginia ■ September 26-27

19TH
ANNUAL
"Deen's Day"
Fair & Parade

Saturday, September 28 ■ 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



**City Hall
OPEN HOUSE**
22 Lincoln Street
October 10 ■ 5 - 7 p.m.

Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association

THIRD SATURDAY of every month, 10 a.m.
Aberdeen Elementary School
Roosevelt Wilson, 826-9174

Buckroe Civic Association

SECOND TUESDAY of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Buckroe Fire Station
Bill Ernst, 850-1145

Downtown Hampton Development Partnership (DHDP)

FOURTH THURSDAY of every month, 8:30 a.m.
DHDP Board Room, 756 Settlers Landing Road
Dan Seachord, 722-1271

Easthampton Neighborhood Association

SECOND TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Easthampton United Methodist Church
Ray Waldon, 722-8756

Farmington Civic Association

FOURTH MONDAY in February, April, June,
August, **October**, & December, 7:30 p.m.
Northampton Community Center
Jack Edwards, 826-4764

Fox Hill Mutual Homes

THIRD WEDNESDAY of every month, 6 p.m.
200 Ranalet Drive
Billy Moore, 722-6417

Greater Wythe Area Planning Team

FIRST MONDAY of every month, 7-9 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
727-6460

Howe Farms Homeowners Association

SECOND SUNDAY of every month, 7p.m.
Meets at rotating homes
P.G. Minetti, 850-3634

Olde Hampton Community Association

SECOND TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Olde Hampton Community Center
Sadie Brown, 722-2447

Park Place Community Awareness Association

THIRD SATURDAY in March, June, September,
& December, 3 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Deanna Shepperd, 827-9204

Phoebus Civic Association

THIRD MONDAY of every month, 6:30 p.m.
Keith's Dockside Restaurant
Ronnie Staton, 851-8186

Pine Cone Harbor Condo Association

SECOND MONDAY of every month, 6:30 p.m.
206 Dockside Drive
Jackie Holman, 722-9994

Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch

THIRD TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Hampton High School Cafeteria
Bud Hehle, 838-5584

Sussex at Hampton

THIRD THURSDAY in August, **October**, December,
February, April, & June, 6:30 p.m.
3829 Roadview Avenue
Becky Harris, 726-2185

Wythe Coalition

FOURTH TUESDAY in September, November,
February, & April, 7 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Hazel Nazareth, 723-7893

Wythe Empowering Minds

EVERY MONDAY of the month, 5-6 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Shawn O'Keefe, 838-2330

For more information on any
of the events listed call 727-6460.

Nominations for Annual Clean City Awards:

The Hampton Clean City Commission is seeking nominations for the awards which will be presented at the Commission's Volunteer Recognition Event at Phoebus High School on October 24th. Deadline is October 4th. For more information call 727-6394.

Registered Neighborhood Organizations

- Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association
- Buckroe Civic Association
- Elizabeth Lake Estates Civic Association



- Farmington Civic Association
- Fox Hill Athletic Association
- Grandview Island Improvement League
- Newtown Improvement & Civic Club
- Northampton Civic League
- Olde Hampton Community Association
- Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association
- Old North Hampton Community Organization
- Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch
- Phoebus Civic Association
- Rosalee Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Sussex at Hampton Neighborhood Association
- Tyler/Seldendale Community Improvement Task Force
- Wythe-Phenix Improvement Association
- Wythe Coalition

“The best leaders
are very often
the best listeners.
They have an open mind.
They are not interested in
having their own way
but in finding
the best way.”
— Wilfred Peterson



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